

The Chester Township Board of Trustees met in **Special** session on **Wednesday, February 11, 2026** in the Town Hall Meeting Room at **7:00 AM** Chairman Craig S. Richter presided.

Roll Call: Present: Craig S. Richter- Trustee
Ken Radtke Jr.- Trustee
Patricia Jarrett- Fiscal Officer
Brandon Davis- Trustee: Arrived at 7:15 AM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Board led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Leading Motion #: 2026-49

Topics of Discussion

Annual Zoning Update

Zoning Inspector Chris Alusheff presented the annual zoning update to the Elected Officials. The report included a summary of permits processed, Board of Zoning Appeals hearings, and zoning amendments completed during the year. Additional updates included the renewal of the GIS Online Creator Software subscription, public zoning education efforts, and the ongoing project to digitize address files in alphabetical order. Mr. Alusheff also reported on continued professional education through the Ohio Township Association.

The presentation is attached here: **2025 Year in Review.pdf**

First National Bank Presentation: Equipment Lease for the Road Department Building

A representative from First National Bank presented financing options to the Elected Officials for the Road Department Building. The proposal includes an equipment finance structure secured through a Universal Commercial Code (UCC) filing on the property. No appraisal or mortgage would be required.

The financing would not count toward the Township's debt. First National Bank indicated that the Township could be approved for up to \$4,000,000. The proposal outlines a 10-year ground lease term with annual payments. After the first payment is made, the balance may be paid off at any time during the 10-year period without restriction.

Estimated fees include approximately \$1,000 for document preparation. The interest rate would be a fixed rate of 4.92%. Legal fees would be handled through Amanda Gordon, legal counsel.

2026 Permanent Budget

Mr. Richter met previously with all Department Heads last week to review and develop their individual department budgets.

As part of the budget discussion at this meeting the following items were addressed:

- The potential need for a new Road Department levy in 2026
- The Police Department's need for increased personnel, specifically the addition of one officer. Funding options are under evaluation including renewal of an expiring levy or the introduction of a new levy in 2027
- Fire Department equipment changes and the possible sale of Fire Station 2, which is currently used for storage of Fire and EMS vehicles and other equipment.

Road Department Truck Purchase

The proposed truck purchase for the Road Department was withdrawn. Additional options will continue to be researched.

Floral Hanging Baskets

Resident Joe Mazzurco and the Elected Officials discussed floral hanging baskets, wire basket racks and placement. They will be placed along the Chester Park area.

2026-49 Mr. Richter moved to approve up to \$2,500.00 for flower baskets along Chester Park area. Mr. Davis seconded. Vote unanimous; motion passed.

Executive Session

2026-50 Mr. Richter moved to enter into executive session at 9:16 AM pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G) (1)) to consider compensation of a public employee(s). Mr. Davis seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Richter, yes; Mr. Radtke, yes; Mr. Davis, yes. Motion passed.

Invited into the executive session is Chris Alusheff and Township Administrator Mark Purchase.

Chris Alusheff left executive session at 9:32 AM.

The Board reentered public session at 10:01 AM.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Richter adjourned the meeting at 10:01 AM.

Respectfully submitted,


Patricia Jarrett, Fiscal Officer

2/19/26
Approval Date


Craig S. Richter, Chairman


Ken Radtke Jr., Vice-Chairman


Brandon Davis, Trustee